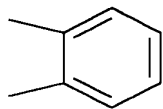


R¹ and R² together are —CH=CH— or



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m is 1

n is 2

p and r are each 1, and

q is 2.

RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action of September 25, 2000, applicants hereby elect group I. In addition, in response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect the compound listed in subsection c of claim 3. This compound is described in Example 1 of the specification at pages 22-23. See, in particular, page 23, lines 23-25. The Restriction Requirement is, however, respectfully traversed.

Firstly, applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that in the event that claims of Group I are found allowable, that corresponding method claims, i.e., methods of making and using, will be rejoined pursuant to *In re Ochiai*, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995). See paragraph bridging pages 2-3 of the September 25, 2000, Office Action.

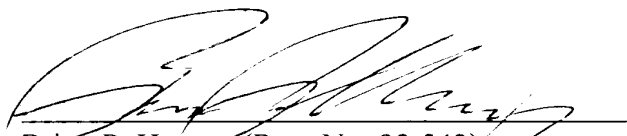
In any event, it is respectfully submitted that the methods of preparing the compounds (Group II) and the methods of using the compounds (Group III) are clearly related to the compounds themselves. In light of this relationship, the search required for the examination of group I will necessarily significantly overlap the search required for the examinations of

group II and group III. As a result, the examination of all the claims should not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. See MPEP §803.

Finally, while the Office Action states the tests for determining whether group II and group III are distinct from group I, the Office Action does not set forth reasons as to why this requirement is justified under these tests.

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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